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LOCAL RESIDENT TELLS CITY COUNCIL

Problems Are Reported At Apartment Building

By Carolyn Walker

Local resident Richard Davis appeared before the Dawson Springs City Council at Monday night's meeting to report problems at the "bath house apartments" on Munn Street. Davis, who lives across the street from the building, said the property has become an eyesore, with trash and discarded furniture outside. He also showed the council pictures of the building's state of disrepair, which he

said the property manager will not address because she does not "have time to do anything about it."

In addition to the run-down appearance of the property, Davis said the building has black mold in the basement and in some of the apartments. One tenant, a veteran who has lived there for some time, is leaving because of the mold. Davis believes the mold problem is affecting the health of another tenant who suffers from breathing problems.

Davis said he called the Hopkins County Health Department but was told they are not allowed to go inside a building.

Kenny Mitchell suggested calling the building inspector or the EPA. All the city can do, he said, is send a letter about the condition of the exterior. According to city clerk Janet Dunbar, this has been done.

Mayor Jenny Sewell told Davis the city hopes to have a code enforcement officer in place in the very near future to deal with such

issues.

"It's not a good place," Davis said. "Something needs to be done."

Sewell said she heard from city attorney Ben Leonard that a court hearing for final judgments on dilapidated housing is scheduled for Dec. 16. Leonard also told the mayor he still has not spoken to the Time-Warner representative about revisions to the cable franchise contract. The representative missed a prearranged conference call last

month, and Leonard has not been able to reach her by phone. He will invite her, by certified letter, to attend the December meeting.

Sewell said city officials have met with central dispatch personnel twice and brought up a number of concerns which have "mostly been addressed."

A clerk/secretary will be hired by Jan. 1. The person in this position will also serve as dispatch during

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LISTENING to the gospel group Living Waters at the gathering of senior citizens at Clarkdale Court Monday, Nov. 18, are (from left) Martha Brown, Jack Brown, Betty Davis and Ray Bochert.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ENCOURAGES QUITTING

Annual Smokeout Is Thursday

The American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout will be held Thursday, Nov. 21. The event encourages smokers to quit smoking, or make a plan to quit smoking, that day.

Quitting, even for one day, according to the Cancer Society, is an important step toward a healthier life, one that can lead to reducing cancer risk.

In Kentucky, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 25.2 percent of adults are cigarette smokers, second highest in the nation. The Kentucky Tobacco and Cessation

Program reports that each year more than 8,000 Kentuckians die of illnesses caused by tobacco use.

"Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the U.S., yet nearly one in every five adults smoke," the Cancer Society says. It also notes that there are 13.2 million cigar smokers in the U.S. and 2.2 million who smoke tobacco in pipes, which are also dangerous and addictive forms of tobacco.

To celebrate quitters and their supporters, the American Cancer Society

has designed a series of characters available to share on social networks. They are also hosting, with Sharecare, a Great American Smokeout Twitter Chat today. This event allows participants to post questions on Twitter to @Sharecarenow about how to quit smoking, smoking legislation or anything on their minds related to smoking. Questions can also be submitted on Sharecare's Facebook page. The answers from the Cancer Society and other ex-

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GOAL WAS TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE

14 Students Attend Teen Leadership Conference

By Carolyn Walker

Fourteen students from Dawson Springs High School attended the 22nd annual Teen Leadership Conference Nov. 8 and 9 at the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center in Daviess County. The students are members of the Hopkins County Youth Prevention Team, selected because they exhibit leadership qualities and are viewed as role models.

The goal of the conference was to empower students to address substance abuse challenges in their communities. Activities focused on team building and leadership skills. The group learned strategies for developing youth coalitions to combat substance abuse issues, particularly prescrip-

tion drugs. Representatives from Indiana Teen Institute were guest facilitators for the event.

Those attending from DSHS were Bradleigh Bruch, Katie Crider, Christina Hamby, Brad Puckett, Steven Bearden, C.J. Merideth, Callie Menser, Allison Gordon, Cole Parker, Josh Castle, Jon Williams, Cameron Riley, Celebrity Duncan and Tiki Robinson. They were sponsored by Dianne and José Labrado.

The students all viewed the conference as a positive experience. They were able to have fun and make new friends while learning and developing useful leadership skills.

"I had an amazing time this weekend at the Teen Leadership Conference. This

experience helped me break out of my shell and showed me how to utilize my leadership qualities. I am so excited for next year's conference," said Cameron Riley.

"During my time at Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center with TLC, I learned about leadership, honesty, team work and how to respect others. I had an absolute blast. I can't wait to come back next year," Jon Williams said.

A record 123 students attended the conference. In addition to Dawson Springs, participating schools were Daviess County, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Union County, Hopkins County Central, Owensboro Public, Ohio County and Webster County.



STUDENTS who attended the 22nd annual Teen Leadership Conference Nov. 8 and 9 at Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center are (seated, from left) Tiki Robinson, Allison Gordon, Bradleigh Bruch, Katie Crider, Callie Menser, (standing) C.J. Merideth, Cole Parker, Christina Hamby, Steven Bearden, Celebrity Duncan, Jon Williams, Josh Castle, Brad Puckett and Cameron Riley.

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 11/20	Thu 11/21	Fri 11/22	Sat 11/23	Sun 11/24
60/44	62/52	60/36	43/22	37/24
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High near 60.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in low 60s, lows in low 50s.	Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in low 60s, lows in mid 30s.	Showers possible. Highs in low 40s and lows in low 20s.	Sunshine. Highs in upper 30s and lows in mid 20s.

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Central City Man Arrested In Death Of Rodney Hale

An arrest was made Nov. 12 in the death of Rodney Brent “Bo” Hale, 42, of Nebo.

In August, the Kentucky Medical Examiner’s Office determined the cause of Hale’s death was consistent with homicide. That information and the findings of an investigation by the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department were presented to the Hopkins County Grand Jury Nov. 12. The jury returned an indictment for the arrest of Craig R. Davenport, 28, of Central City.

Detectives from the sheriff’s office, accompanied by members of the Central City Police Department, arrested Davenport at his residence that day. He was lodged in the Muhlenberg County Detention Center before being transported to the Hopkins County Detention Center Nov. 13.

Davenport was charged with second-degree manslaughter, tampering with physical evidence and persistent felony offender II.

Detective Scott Troutman was the reporting deputy.



DALTON DULIN performs “Taps” at the Veterans Day program at Dawson Springs Community Schools Monday, Nov. 11.



EMILY GARRETT gives the invocation at the Veterans Day program at the local school Monday, Nov. 11.



DAVID PURDY is greeted by Brittany Orten following the Veterans Day program at Dawson Springs Community Schools Monday, Nov. 11.

Eight Die In Eight Crashes On State Roads Last Week

Eight people died as the result of injuries sustained in eight motor vehicle crashes on Kentucky roads from Nov. 11 through Nov. 17.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Bracken, Floyd, Green, Jefferson, Kenton and Livingston. The victims in Floyd, Green, Jefferson, Kenton and Livingston counties were not wearing seat belts. The crash in Floyd County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One pedestrian was killed in Fayette County and one in Jessamine County.

Through Nov. 17, preliminary statistics indicate 564 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 94 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 431 motor vehicle fatalities, 218 victims were not wearing seat belts. Forty-four of the 71 motorcycle fatalities were not wearing helmets. The 10 ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. Three bicycle riders and 48 pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. One person died after jumping from a moving vehicle. A total of 126 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of Nov. 17, Kentucky has had 70 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

Four Area Residents Indicted By Hopkins Co. Grand Jury

Four local and area residents were indicted by the Hopkins Circuit Grand Jury Nov. 12.

Scotty Brown, 40, 207 E. Arcadia Ave., Room 8, was charged with failure to comply with sex offender registration by failing to notify the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Office and the Office of Probation and Parole of a change in his address; and being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

James Fassold, 44, 320 Racetrack Road, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) first offense; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; being a felon in possession of a handgun; and two counts of receiving stolen property valued at less than \$500 (road signs).

James Todd, 29, 20A Carroll Lane, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; and tampering with physical evidence.

Ricky McBride, 59, 2193 Union Temple Road, St. Charles, was charged with knowingly and unlawfully manufacturing methamphetamine, a Schedule II narcotic or possessing the chemicals or equipment for the manufacture of methamphetamine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week’s Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—William M. Jones, 29, Ilsley Road, was arrested Nov. 11 on Ky. 109 North. He was charged with failure to pay fines (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Wendy M. McKinney, 36, Charleston Road, was arrested Nov. 13. She was charged with 27 counts of theft by unlawful taking or disposition. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer. McKinney was arrested on a warrant obtained by Chief Bill Crider as the result of an investigation.

—Ashley M. Day, aka Ashley Nolan, 28, Fergusontown Road, was arrested Nov. 14 on Ky. 109 North. She was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Tommy Shaw, 24, Rosedale Court, Apt. 45, was arrested Nov. 15. He was charged with contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (Hopkins County bench warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Sierra Hart, 18, Rosedale Court, Apt. 20, was arrested Nov. 17. She was charged with second-degree burglary. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—A 13-year-old Dawson Springs female was cited Nov. 17 at Food Giant. She was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting under \$500). Josh Travis was the charging officer.



BRITTANY DAVIS introduces the guest speaker at the Veterans Day program at the school Monday, Nov. 11.

Rose Creek Road Burglary Leads To Arrest For Drugs

The Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department arrested Donnie R. Durham, 36, on drug charges Friday.

The sheriff’s office responded to a complaint of a burglary in progress at 1361 Rose Creek Road where they found several individuals near an open storage unit. When the officers arrived, Durham fled but was caught after a lengthy foot pursuit.

Detective Shawn Bean and other members of the sheriff’s department executed a search warrant and located several items and ingredients used in the meth manufacturing process. Investigators also located a Yamaha 4-wheeler with an obscured VIN number.

Durham was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and obscuring the identity of a machine under \$10,000.

Bean was the reporting deputy.

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It’s Chili Time!

Visit the First Christian Church
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Friday, November 22nd

The Disciples Women of First Christian Church invite everyone to attend their 59th annual chili luncheon on Friday, November 22nd, beginning at 8 a.m.

Homemade chili, chilidogs, assorted sandwiches and desserts will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Baked goods will be available for sale, as well as various craft items, plus a white elephant room will be open – so get an early start on your holiday shopping!

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Princeton Publisher To Head Kentucky Baptists

By Todd Deaton
The Western Recorder

With his election Nov. 12 in Paducah, Chip Hutcheson, of Princeton, becomes only the sixth layman to serve as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in the past 75 years.

He is the first layman to serve as president since Eugene Siler, a judge and member of First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, was elected 10 years ago.

"It is my conviction that God has equipped Chip with unique gifts and abilities that will be used of the Holy Spirit to lead the KBC in these exciting yet challenging days," said Ronnie Sivells, pastor of Nortonville Baptist Church in Little Bethel Baptist Association, in nominating Hutcheson for the post.

Hutcheson, publisher of The Times Leader of Princeton and The Eagle Post of Oak Grove, has been a deacon and Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years at Southside Baptist Church in Princeton, where Sivells previously served as pastor.

A three-time deacon chairman at Southside, Hutcheson works in the church's after-school ministry and participates in a local

prison ministry.

Hutcheson also has served two terms on the KBC Public Affairs Committee, being twice elected as chairman, and currently is serving as a Western Recorder trustee.

"My desire would be to encourage people in the faith — not only pastors and ministerial staff members, but laypeople," Hutcheson told the Western Recorder earlier. "We have much work to do in Kentucky, and it requires not only pastors, but people in the pews, becoming actively involved in evangelism and discipleship."

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Hutcheson was sports editor for the Kentucky New Era in Hopkinsville, 1970-76, and publisher of the Princeton Leader, 1976-92. He has received numerous Kentucky Press Association awards, serving as KPA president in 2010 and being recognized as the association's "Most Valuable Member" in 2011. He was inducted in the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 2012.

He and his wife, Karen, have two children: Cindy Birrell, CFO of the Princeton Electric Plant Board, and John Mark, senior pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in St. Augustine, Fla.



WINNERS in the Halloween costume judging contest sponsored by the Dawson Springs PTO Monday, Oct. 28, are (grades 4 to 6): scariest, Jake Back, son of Ray and Lori Back, as a ghost; cutest, Jessica Stanton, daughter of Monica Stanton, as a cheerleader; and most original, Abigail McGregor, daughter of Ricky and Vicki McGregor, as a Punk Rock Ballerina.

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Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person's name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse's name, children's names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings' names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents' names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is \$3.50 per column inch.

OBITUARIES

Services Held Saturday For Jessie G. Alexander

The funeral for Jessie Glen Alexander, 81, of Dawson Springs, formerly of Arizona and Missouri, was held Saturday at Landmark Apostolic Holiness Church. Beshear Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pastor Rusty Akers, Bishop Robert E. Akers and the Rev. Robert G. Akers officiated. Burial took place Monday at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Alexander died Nov. 14, 2013, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born March 14, 1932, in Ravenden, Ark., to the late Jess K. and Lottie Mae Ball Alexander.

He was a heavy equipment operator and an electrician. He served as a medic in the United States Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Landmark Apostolic Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, Alexander was preceded in death by a daughter, Stella Jo Ann Alexander; and two sisters, Eva Gray and Sharon Alexander.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mary Christine Alexander, Dawson Springs; four daughters, Glenda Ak-



JESSIE ALEXANDER

ers, Dawson Springs, Becky Mitchell and Peggy Nett, both Greenville, and Debbie Skelton, Madisonville; two sisters, Josephine Abston, Vancouver, Wash., and Violet Norris, Conway, Ark.; two brothers, Calvin Alexander and Alfred Alexander, both Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Randy Mitchell, Jeremy Skelton, Tyler Norris, Daniel DePriest, David Hutton and Wesley Norris.

Honorary pall bearers were Troy Jones, the Rev. Jerry Hutton, the Rev. Dennis Burgess and Clarence Norris.

Services Are Held Sunday For Robert W. Bailey, 54

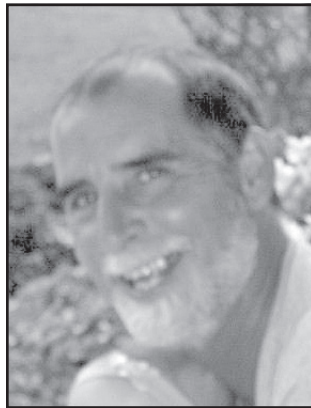
The funeral for Robert Wendell Bailey, 54, of Lebanon Junction, was held Sunday at Hardy-Close Funeral Home in Shepherdsville with cremation following the service.

Bailey died Nov. 14, 2013, at Baptist East Hospital.

He was a self-employed carpenter and a member of Belmont Baptist Church.

Bailey was preceded in death by his parents, George and Maxine Goodrich-Bailey, a brother, Garry Bailey; and a sister, Janene Bailey.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly McAlister Bailey, formerly of Dawson Springs; four children,



ROBERT BAILEY

Bridgett, Robert Jr., Justin and Kayla Bailey; a sister, Linda Kerr; a brother, Stephen Bailey; and three grandchildren, Josey, Joshua Bailey and Tanner Keith.

Gospel Jubilee Featuring Living Waters/Jerry Lynch

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilsey, will feature Living Waters and Jerry Lynch at 7 p.m. Saturday.

There is no admission charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

Kentucky Students Score Well On Behavior Risks

Overall, Kentucky middle and high school students are eating healthier foods and making safer choices based on data from the 2013 Kentucky Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

The YRBS monitors behaviors among youth and young adults that can have an impact on their health including:

- alcohol and drug use
- injury and violence (such as seat belt usage and suicide)
- nutrition
- physical activity
- sexual behaviors
- tobacco use

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in partnership with the Family

Resource and Youth Service Centers administered the survey in spring 2013. Students were selected to participate in the survey from randomly chosen middle and high schools throughout the state. The surveys were voluntary, anonymous, and every student had the right to refuse to answer any or all questions. Individual district, school or student data is not reported.

The YBRs is given every two years in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The results are used to create awareness, develop program and policies, set goals, support health-related legislation and seek funding.



MAYOR Jenny Sewell and Peggy Furgerson look over displays at the American Mountain Men rendezvous off Sixth Vein Road Saturday, Nov. 2

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Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
White School Road
Bro. Robin Redd, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

LANDMARK APOSTOLIC HOLINESS CHURCH
590 Industrial Park Road
Rusty Akers, Pastor
Sunday School, 1 p.m.
Sunday Service, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

LAFAYETTE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5325 Niles Road
Rev. Thurman Harris, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

SHYFLAT TABERNACLE
Rev. Rick Denny
Each Sunday, 2 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
North Main Street
Rev. E. J. Hutton, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST TEMPLE
Corner 4-H Rd. and Rosedale Ln.
Bro. Donnie Howton, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
550 Walnut Grove Road
Thomas Childers, Pastor
Sun. Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Evangelistic, 6 p.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.
(Bible classes for children age 3-15)

ILSLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. Danny Earl, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Union Temple Road
Rev. Bobby McKnight, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

DAYSpring ASSEMBLY OF GOD
55 E. Lee Wilson Stevens Dr.
Rev. Kathy S. Redden, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

DUNN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 109 North
Bro. Bobby Sellers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

MIDWAY VALLEY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Highway 62 West
Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Junction 1294 & 293
Rev. Harold Salyers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Walnut Street
Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

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Ilsey, Ky.
Rev. Monty Fuller, Pastor
Sunday Morning, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Monday Night, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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Bro. Johnny Gibson, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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Rev. Raymond Cummings, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHARLESTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 109 North
Dr. Calvin Bryant, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

SUTHARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 112
Bro. George Brooks, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

KIRKWOOD SPRINGS HOLINESS CHURCH
Kennedy Lane
Rev. Kenneth R. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night, 7 p.m.
Thursday Night, 7 p.m.

LAKE GROVE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Wayne McCoy, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Eli Street
Dr. Larry Davidson, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Children/Youth Programs 4:00-5:30 p.m.
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SILENT RUN BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 70, near Dalton
Bro. Tom McKim, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

ADRIEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Olney Road
Bro. David Frisby, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

NEW HOPE HOLINESS CHURCH
19000 Dawson Springs Rd.
Rev. Douglas Barnett, Pastor
Sunday Bible Study, 3 p.m.
Church Service, 4 p.m.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
Industrial Park Road
Father Bruce Fogle, Pastor
Sunday Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass, 8 a.m.

GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Trim Street
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

UNION TEMPLE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. David Hoard, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

GREATER FAITH APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Highway 62 West
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

EMPIRE HOLINESS CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Bro. Rodger Fuller, Pastor
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 7 p.m.

GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
1440 Industrial Park Road
Rev. Ben Butero, Pastor
Worship Service, 1 p.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. Services, 7:30 p.m.

PLEASANT UNION GENERAL CHURCH
Beulah
Bro. Nathan Bone, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CASTLEBERRY GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Dwight Brown, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

GILLAND RIDGE GENERAL BAPTIST
St. Charles
John W. Haire, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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A LARGE number of local veterans attended the Veterans Day program at Dawson Springs Community Schools Monday, Nov. 11.

Women At Greater Risk For COPD

Women are 37 percent more likely to have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) than men and now account for more than half of all deaths attributed to COPD in our nation. The American Lung Association's "Taking Her Breath Away: The Rise of COPD in Women," examines the nation's third leading cause of death and its increased prevalence among women in the United States.

More than seven million women in the United States currently have COPD, and millions more have symptoms but have yet to be diagnosed. The number of deaths among women from COPD has more than quadrupled since 1980, and since 2000 the disease has claimed the lives of more women than men in this country each year.

"What we now know is that more women than men in this country are dying from COPD, and nearly half of women currently living with COPD don't even know they have it," said MeiLan Han, M.D., medical director, Women's Respiratory Health Program at the University of Michigan Health System, and national spokeswoman for the American Lung Association's "Taking Her Breath Away" report. Leadership in public health and health care at the national, state and local levels must urgently confront this deep-rooted and deadly disease head on."

COPD is a progressive lung disease with no known cure that slowly robs its sufferers of the ability to draw life-sustaining breath. Only heart disease and cancer kill more Americans than COPD does. Smoking is the primary cause of COPD, but there

are other important causes such as air pollution.

The report identifies an interplay of risk-factor exposures, biological susceptibility and sociocultural factors contributing to COPD's disproportionate burden on women.

Foremost, the rise of COPD in women is closely tied to the success of tobacco industry marketing. Cigarette smoking was rare among women in the early 20th century, but started increasing in earnest in the late 1960s after the tobacco industry began aggressively targeting its deadly products specifically to women. While nationwide anti-tobacco campaigns and policy changes have successfully decreased smoking rates for both women and men in the recent past, the tobacco industry's success in addicting women smokers long ago is still resulting in new cases of COPD and other tobacco-related illness in those women as they have aged.

Other key findings include:

—Since COPD has historically been thought of as a "man's disease," women are underdiagnosed and undertreated for COPD.

—Women are more vulnerable than men to lung damage from cigarette smoke and other pollutants.

—Women with COPD have more frequent disease flare-ups—a sudden worsening of COPD symptoms that is often caused by a cold or other lung infection.

—Effective treatment of COPD is complicated, and women don't always get the kind of care that meets their needs.

The American Lung Association calls on government agencies, the research

and funding community, insurers and health systems, employers, clinicians, women and their families to take steps to address this deadly disease. These steps are detailed in the full report, and include strengthening the public health response to COPD; increasing investment in gender-specific COPD research; expanding efforts to protect everyone from harmful exposures that cause COPD such as cigarette smoke and outdoor air pollution; and implementing health care systems changes to improve the timeliness and quality of COPD care.

"It's time for the millions of women like me who are living with COPD

to break their silence and speak out about the toll that COPD is taking on our lives," said Grace Anne Dorney Koppel, patient and national spokeswoman for COPD awareness. "We need to lead the charge for access to adequate disease management services and social support that will empower us to treat the disease as early as possible and improve the quality of our lives."

This report is part of the Lung Association's Disparities in Lung Health Series. To download a copy of the report, visit: www.lung.org/copdinwomen. To sign up to become a lung health advocate, visit www.midland-lung.org.

New President Named At Hopkinsville Com. College

By Margarita Cambest
The Kentucky New Era

Hopkinsville Community College's next president said he wants to improve classes, increase graduation rates and better community ties.

Bettie Wallace, chairwoman of HCC's board of directors, shared the board's unanimous recommendation — Jay Allen — November 14, after several hours of closed session meetings.

"We had four outstanding candidates that came to be considered," she said. "It was clear that Dr. Allen was the best match and fit for this institution."

Michael McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, made the final hiring decision. He said he agreed with the board, and Allen officially accepted the offer in a phone call.

McCall said Allen will start work in early January.

Allen is currently the vice president of the Perkinson Campus at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College George County Center.

He has a doctorate from the Department of Education Leadership at the University of Mississippi in addition to master's and bachelor's degrees from Mississippi State University and an associate degree from Hinds Community College. He also worked in enrollment at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss., for 15 years.

Allen lives on Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's residential Perkinson campus with his wife and two daughters, ages 6 and 10.

At Wednesday's community forums, Allen said he wants to focus on attracting older adults who can choose to start school at any time to HCC. That focus will allow him to tap into the area's non-traditional student population, impacted largely by Fort Campbell. The transient military community makes up a large percentage of HCC's enrollment.

This difference in the student body's makeup is what Allen said he is most excited to tackle. When asked about his goals as president, Allen said he wants to focus on enhancing classroom instruction, raise graduation rates, increase enrollment and strengthen community ties.

He suggested mandatory study halls and peer shadowing to help students with low-entry test scores succeed.

He said the approach worked for him at Hinds Community College in the past.

"Somewhere along the way, I decided my goal was to be a college president," Allen said. "I enjoy serving the community, and I think this is a great place for that."

Allen and another finalist for the job, Joyce Ester, fielded questions from the community Wednesday at an open forum. Around 25 people showed up to hear the remaining two candidates speak at their forums Thursday.

Christopher Ezell, vice president of Academic and Student Services at Danville Community College in Danville, Va., and Justin Pate, chief academic officer at Maysville Community Technical College in Maysville also interviewed for the position.



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Marshall Couple's Invention Wins

By Celia Brewer
Marshall County
Tribune Courier

A Marshall County couple's invention featured on the Katie Couric syndicated daily talk show "Katie" has been put on the fast track by a New York company for development and production, with more potential markets for the invention than the one for which it was originally designed.

The invention, a system to alert parents to bedwetting, won the Nov. 4 contest on the show's "Mothers of Invention" segment, said Lucas Phelps, a computer administrator for the Marshall County Board of Education and husband to Juliet Phelps, who appeared on stage with two other moms.

Assisting Couric in judging the three inventions were Ben Kaufman, CEO of Quirky, and Barbara Corcoran, of the TV show Shark Tank.

Lucas Phelps said that Quirky has decided to put development and production of their invention on the fast track. It could be on the market in as little time as six months, he said.

He also said that there might be a second version of their invention, one that could be used in hospitals and nursing homes and for home health care.

In addition to spending a couple of days in New York, the Phelps were able to tour the Quirky facilities in Manhattan, he said. He had spoken with many people there over the phone in the past, but "it was neat to see them and shake their hands," he said.

Although nervous about appearing on national TV, his wife Juliet, who runs an online clothing business from home, seems to have gotten a bigger bite from the entrepreneurial bug as well.

The best part of their experience, besides winning, according to Lucas Phelps, has been seeing the possibilities of more ideas "lit up in her eyes."



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Tips Are Offered For Carbon Monoxide Safety

Kentuckians should be aware of the “silent killer” this winter heating season according to state fire marshal William Swope. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless and colorless gas that’s created when fuels like gas, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, and oil burn incompletely.

“In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuels are potential sources of carbon monoxide,” said Swope. “The public should also understand that vehicles and generators left running in attached garages can produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

“My advice is that if you need to warm up a car, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Don’t think that because the garage doors are open it’s safe,” he added. “Also, generators should be used in well-ventilated locations outdoors and away from windows, doors and vent openings.”

CO enters the body through breathing. Symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light-headedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal, causing death within minutes.

To protect against the harmful effects of CO, the

National Fire Protection Association offers the following safety tips:

—Like smoke detectors, CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

—Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for placement and mounting height.

—Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

—Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

—If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

—If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until the arrival of emergency personnel.

—During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

—Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

Shooter Training Program Offered For Safe Schools

Kentucky State Police launched a statewide Active Shooter Training Program as part of a Safe School Initiative developed by the agency for the purpose of heightening security practices for maximum school safety. The program is aimed at assisting Kentucky schools on how to respond effectively during an active shooter incident.

It provides four levels of assistance to aid school officials in establishing or complementing their emergency management response plans — on-site visits, target hardening, lock down drills and hands-on role-playing scenarios.

“We must help equip our school personnel with the additional tools, resources and training needed to handle an active shooter incident. This training must include how to detect early warning signs that could possibly stop an incident before it becomes active,” said Rodney Brewer, KSP commissioner.

The KSP ASTP is offered at no charge to schools, and the level of training is at the discretion of school officials. A pilot program began this summer as KSP provided the training program at test school sites in Western Kentucky. The training was well received by school officials and staff.



WINNERS in the Halloween costume judging contest sponsored by the Dawson Springs PTO Monday, Oct. 28, are (birth to age 3) cutest, Mollie Back, daughter of Lori and Ray Back, as a bumble bee; and most original, Sara Vinson daughter of Tina Lynch and Josh Vinson, as a pumpkin witch.

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Students Living On Campus Is New Record For CU

Campbellsville University has reached a milestone in the number of students living on campus for the fall semester at 1,122.

This is the largest number of students living on campus, and another very strong fall enrollment and the second year CU has exceeded the 3,600 mark, according to Dr. Michael V. Carter, president.

“Campbellsville University is announcing a total fall enrollment of 3,624 students in all of our undergraduate, online, regional centers and other sites, and on the main campus,” Carter said.

“With nearly 25 percent of the full-time undergraduate students coming from minority population groups and with a strong international student population of around 300 students from 40 countries, Campbellsville University is becoming known as one of the most diverse private nonprofit comprehensive universities in the nation — and certainly in Kentucky,” he said.

Carter said, as part of the

university’s long-range vision, Vision 2025, Preparing Christian Servant Leaders, “we are strongly committed to developing a diverse, global community of learners, with a strong commitment to Christian higher education, continuing the steady growth that we have enjoyed over the past decade, integrating our faith and learning, and preparing Christian servant leaders.

“Certainly, our fall 2013 strong enrollment reflects the forward progress of Vision 2025,” Carter, who is in his 15th year as president, said.

Dave Walters, vice president for admissions and student services, said, “Campbellsville University is intentional and passionate about reaching students from a wide range of academic backgrounds.”

CU has also opened a new cosmetology program with 26 students. The program, which has a waiting list, has filled a niche for students in the area who want to learn about cosmetology.

Greenhouse Gases Come From Varied Sources

By Carol Lea Spence

When it comes to producing greenhouse gases, it turns out agriculture is not the bad guy some think it is.

Greenhouse gases derive from a number of sources, with the top three being electricity production, transportation and industry. Food production has not been found to be a leading source of greenhouse gases in this country. Since 1990, agricultural emissions have stayed flat, while production has increased significantly. And it’s that increase in production that may have resulted in the sector’s reduced impact on climate change, according to Paul Vincelli, plant pathologist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Vincelli explained that there are two ways to measure the impact of any agricultural commodity production on global warming. One way is to measure how much carbon is emitted into the atmosphere per acre. The other is per unit of agricultural production, such as per bushel of corn.

“In the last 50 years when measurements have

been taken, it has been shown that the carbon footprint per unit of agricultural production has gone down substantially,” he said, attributing that to the dramatic yield increases producers have experienced over the past 100 years.

In the developing world, crop yields are often much lower, requiring the cultivation of more land, which Vincelli said can multiply the carbon footprint of food production by as much as three.

“Sure, there’s a carbon footprint to agricultural production, and we recognize that, and we want to make it better. Growers are always interested in improving their environmental impact as well as their bottom line,” he said, emphasizing that the ultimate goal is “sustainable intensification.”

“The intensification that we’ve experienced has actually, on a per unit of production basis, resulted in less of an impact on climate change,” he said. “That’s a really positive message, and I think growers should congratulate themselves for the wonderful work they’ve done.”

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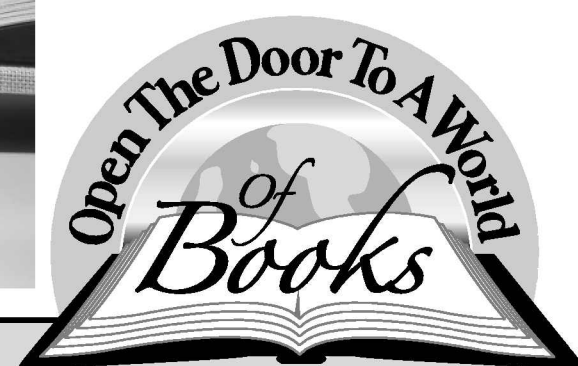
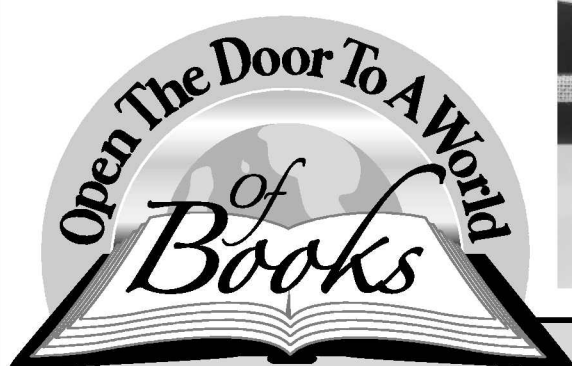
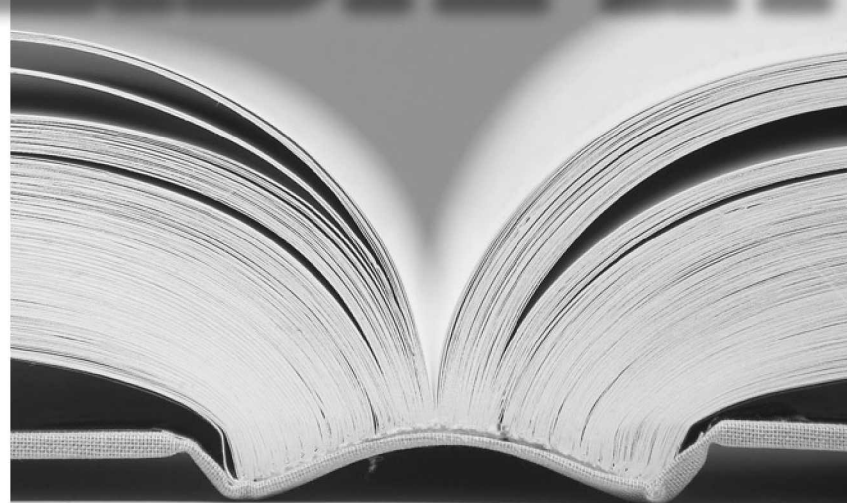
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ABOUT TOWN By Scott

Remembering Nov. 22, 1963

Fifty years ago Friday, on what was also a Friday morning, the nation's eyes and ears stopped whatever other citizens were doing and focused on radio and television reports coming out of Dallas, Texas.

President Kennedy had been shot, was taken to a hospital and was declared dead.

The nation, brought to a stand still, wept.

Most people who heard the news that day will never forget where they were and their thoughts. Here is a sampling from some:

—Jon Harned, who was a freshman at Dawson Springs High School: "I was in Mr. Buzzard's science class. I think it was the first class after lunch. I don't remember if there was an announcement or if Mr. Buzzard told the class. The family was around the TV all weekend."

—Carl Buzzard: "I was teaching science at Dawson Springs High School. Someone came up and called me out of the room and told me what had happened. I went back in and announced it to my class. It was the first class after lunch. It really did affect you. It was upsetting."

—Kevin Stockman, principal at Dawson Springs Junior/Senior High School: "I was in my 8th grade U.S. history class. An art teacher heard it on the radio and told our history teacher who then told us."

"I remember being shocked. My generation had not been hardened by video games, R-rated movies, or violent television shows. So, we took this very hard. We were glued to the television for the next few days. I really don't remember anyone laughing for at least a week. The nation (even us on a small farm) was truly in mourning."

"We were off for a couple of days after that event. Many of us watched live as Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald. Again, shock and disbelief."

"Watching the Challenger event live brought back some of the same feelings."

—Faye Winfrey: "I was sitting in Sherry Harrison's family room. We were at a room mother's meeting for the PTA to plan a Thanksgiving party. We watched a lot of television until he was buried."

—Gary Staley: "I was at Indiana State University at Terre Haute in the student lounge. I was 19 years old and playing pool. From that time on, I was watching TV 7/24 and Walter Cronkite. I thought we would be at war with Russia."

—Karen Cox: "I was in first grade when we heard it. I didn't believe it. I was a teacher and sitting on a student's desk when they must have announced it on the P.A. system."

—Ray Bochert: "I was on my way to work for the AP in Columbus, Ohio. He (Kennedy) has visited there prior to his presidency. I heard it on the radio on my way in. We didn't go home — stayed on the job for four days."

—Harold Peach: "I was in Lawrenceburg and we

owned Anderson Cleaners. It came on the radio and our employee, John Cunningham, heard it and started crying. We asked him what was wrong and he told us the president had been shot. We stopped the presses. His wife is Martha and they stopped pressing clothes. We listened to the news the rest of the day."

—Pollyanna Dillingham: "I was at Joyce Baker's house at a room mother's meeting. She had a little radio on in the kitchen. Two or three of us — I can't remember who — heard when they broke in on the radio and said President Kennedy has been shot. Everybody stopped and we listened to the radio. I had to leave to pick up Frances and go to Princeton. On our way over there we kept the radio on and heard he was taken to a Dallas hospital. Then we heard later he had died."

In the haste to complete last week's column, one of the most important "attaboys" was omitted concerning the Veterans Day program at our school.

During this year's program, Halyn Burden, a student at Dawson Springs High School, read the names of veterans who had died since last Veterans Day. This list may be incomplete, most of the names were taken from the files of The Progress:

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- Donald Edward Gamble
- Phillip Grable
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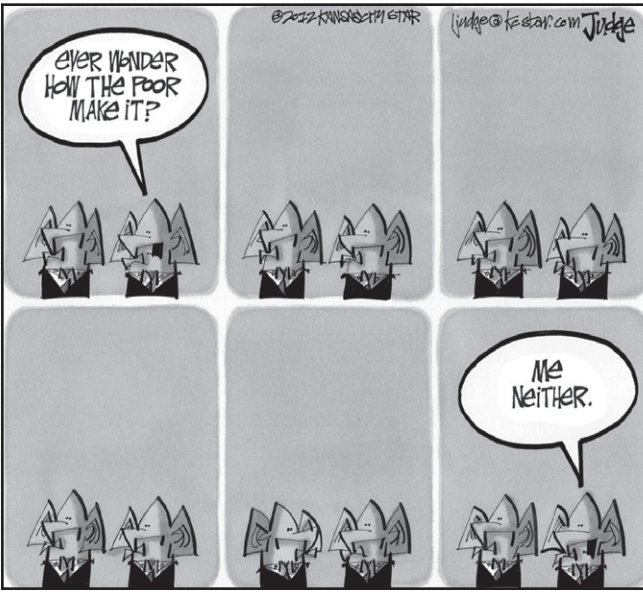
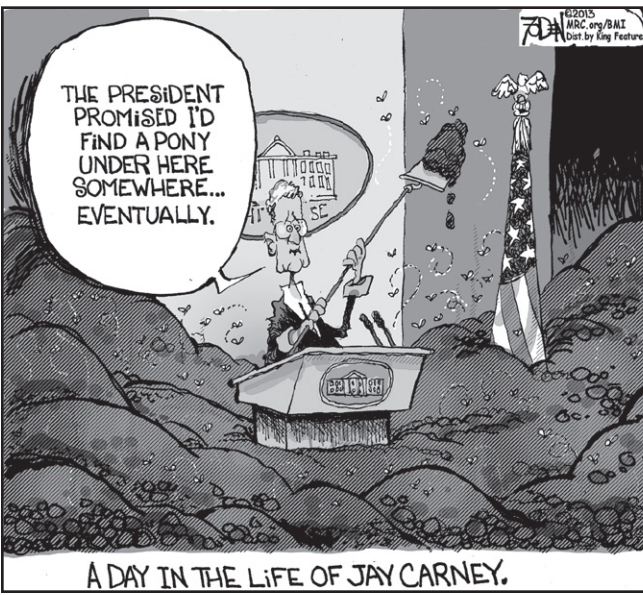
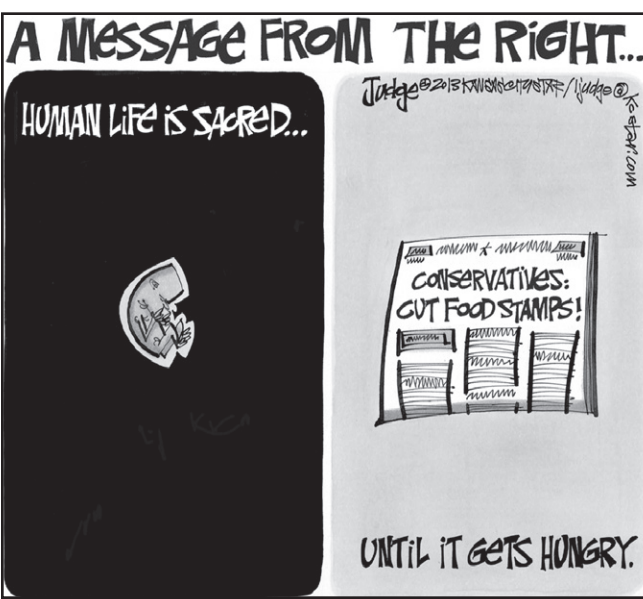
For many years, Dawson Springs, through a group of local ministers, has held an annual community-wide Thanksgiving service with the offering benefiting DAPS, the local food bank. It appears there will not be a community service this Thanksgiving.

We are sorry for that and especially sorry DAPS will not be receiving any funds from this offering.

However, there is somewhat of a silver lining on this dark cloud. It can only be considered somewhat because although DAPS will be the recipient of a food drive, the community loses out for not having a Thanksgiving service.

The silver lining is the Dawson Springs Post Office is conducting a food drive through Saturday to benefit DAPS.

Those wishing to donate nonperishable food items may place them in a bag beside their mail box Saturday to be picked up. Food may also be delivered to the post office between now and Saturday.



COMMENTARY

It Is Time For Real Tax Reform

By Lee H. Hamilton
Director
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As Congress moves forward on budget negotiations, the word out of Washington is to expect nothing major: no grand bargain, just more stopgap, short-term fixes. Yet there's one ray of hope. The House and Senate chairmen of the tax-writing committees, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, are preparing a comprehensive tax reform plan. They see the budget negotiations as their opportunity to enact much-needed changes to our bloated, off-kilter tax laws.

The last time lawmakers managed to find a way to simplify and reshape the tax code was almost three decades ago, in 1986, when Ronald Reagan was still president. Since then there have been over 15,000 adjustments and amendments, leaving a mess that just about everyone agrees must be cleaned up. Odds are against Congress managing the task, but its handling of the debate on tax reform tells us a lot about how members approach difficult issues.

That's because this latest effort to rewrite the tax code is saddled by a deep-seated problem that spans both parties and all ideologies: political timidity. Tax avoidance is a highly sophisticated and lucrative business in this country, and politicians address it at their peril.

This became clear during the summer, when the senators leading the tax-reform charge on their side of Capitol Hill, Democrat Max Baucus of Montana and Republican Orrin Hatch of Utah, laid out their initiative. They wanted senators to take a "blank slate" approach to the issue: no current deduction, exemption or credit would continue unless a strong case could be made for it. Then they invited their colleagues to identify what they'd keep

and what they'd reject.

That was a fine start, until Baucus and Hatch took an extraordinary step. They guaranteed senators 50 years of anonymity for their suggestions, thus allowing each senator to continue attacking the tax code mess without taking any specific public positions on how to improve it.

In other words, here's a public issue of enormous consequence, affecting every taxpayer in the land, and they were afraid to talk about it meaningfully in public. Sure, you hear plenty from politicians about tax reform, but it's all generalities. They talk about a simpler code or a fairer code or a flatter code, but in truth, almost every member of Congress talks in gross generalities about the monstrosity that is the tax code and comes out fervently for reform, without actually taking a stand on the tough issues.

Tax reform is meaningless without specifics.

Continuing to exclude employer contributions for health care, for instance, will cost taxpayers some \$760 billion over the next five years, according to Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation — but getting rid of it will surely anger employers and employees. We could recoup \$379 billion over the next five years by cutting the mortgage interest deduction, but how many homeowners do you know who would go along with the idea?

The political power of the interests that benefit from reduced tax rates on dividends and long-term capital gains, which will cost the Treasury \$616 billion between now and 2017, is immense. So, in its own way, is that of supporters of the deduction for charitable contributions (\$239 billion).

In all, tax breaks cost the Treasury some \$1.1 trillion a year — which puts them well ahead of most other forms of

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OTHER EDITORS

Black-Lung Victims Are Cheated

The cutthroat tactics used to deny benefits to sick and dying victims of black lung should dash any illusions about miners having a friend in coal companies.

Even for an industry that's notorious for dodging its responsibilities, a year-long investigation by the Center for Public Integrity and ABC News produced revelations that are shocking and repugnant.

Reporters documented a pattern by the industry's "go-to" law firm, Jackson Kelly, based in Charleston, W.Va., of withholding X-rays, pathology reports and other evidence of black lung in miners seeking benefits through the 40-year-old federal program.

Jackson Kelly lawyers withheld critical evidence not just from judges and miners, records show, but from the firm's own expert witnesses. As a result, even when the Jackson Kelly lawyers knew there was strong medical evidence of black lung, they successfully argued against awarding benefits to suffering miners and their families, who can't afford big-time lawyers, according to the report.

In rare instances when a judge or a miner's lawyer insisted that the firm turn over all its evidence, the reporters found, Jackson Kelly typically settled. This allowed the miner to receive benefits while ending scrutiny of the firm's deplorable tactics.

Jackson Kelly, which insists it did nothing wrong because the medical records

were part of its work product and therefore not subject to disclosure, has nationwide offices, including one in Lexington. One of the firm's West Virginia lawyers lost his license for a year as a result of withholding black-lung evidence and three others were scolded by West Virginia's Lawyer Disciplinary Board.

An administrative law judge's ruling that Jackson Kelly had committed "fraud on the court" is under appeal before the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore responded more forcefully to revelations that one of its units had become a coal industry tool.

The prestigious institution suspended an X-ray-reading program headed by Dr. Paul Wheeler after the Center for Public Integrity and ABC reported that Wheeler had found not a single case of severe black lung in the more than 1,500 cases decided since 2000 in which he offered an opinion. A finding of severe or advanced black lung automatically triggers benefits. Wheeler has testified that the last time he recalled finding a case of severe black lung was in "the 1970s or the early '80s."

Yet, administrative law judges gave great weight to Wheeler's findings, which proved lucrative as coal companies paid a premium for the Hopkins brand. "For an X-ray reading, the univer-

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.)

Ausriana Neveah Stallins was born Sept. 13, at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces.

City officials went to Frankfort Wednesday, Nov. 12, to receive a \$250,000 Renaissance Kentucky check and returned home with \$1 million more.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Nov. 23, 1988.)

Lori Allison Hicks was recently crowned Miss Hopkins County.

Courtney Rae Lyn Clayton was born Sunday, Nov. 6, in Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds and 5-1/2 ounces.

Don Wilkey recently retired as postmaster here after 32 years of service

with the U.S. Postal Service.

Funeral for Mrs. Nina Frances Childers, 65, was conducted Friday, Nov. 18, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Nov. 21, 1963.)

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Bessie Garrett Kornfeld, 73, Friday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Nov. 18, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln boards a train for Gettysburg, Pa., to deliver a short speech at the dedication of a cemetery. The Gettysburg Address became one of the most famous speeches in American history.

• On Nov. 21, 1927, Time magazine puts the week-old Holland Tunnel on its cover. The tunnel, which runs under the Hudson River between New York City and Jersey City, N.J., requires 84 ventilating fans that replace all the air in the tunnel every 90 seconds.

• On Nov. 23, 1936, legendary Mississippi Delta bluesman Robert Johnson is recorded for the very first time in a San Antonio recording studio. He spent only five days in the studio, recording 41 total takes of 29 different songs. Almost immediately, Johnson's recordings gained a cult following among blues collectors.

• On Nov. 20, 1955, Bo Diddley introduced himself

and his namesake beat with his debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Diddley opened his appearance with his song "Bo Diddley." Sullivan had expected him to perform Ernie Ford's "Sixteen Tons," and he was furious enough to ban Diddley from future appearances on his show.

• On Nov. 19, 1976, Patty Hearst is released on bail pending the appeal of her conviction for participating in a 1974 San Francisco bank robbery that was caught on camera. Hearst had been kidnapped months before the robbery by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.




• On Nov. 22, 1986, 20-year-old Mike Tyson knocks out Trevor Berbick in just five minutes and 35 seconds to become the youngest titleholder ever. Tyson kept his title for nine more bouts. After that, his life unraveled when he was sent to prison for three years.

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Lawmaker Is Offended By School Boards' Actions

By
Chuck Mason
Bowling Green Daily News

A state lawmaker takes exception to local school boards approving resolutions that say Kentucky legislators have broken their pledge to fund public education, warning districts against angering the people who hold the purse strings for state education.

"I feel like I have been thrown under the bus," said state Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, during a meeting Wednesday between lawmakers and members of the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative.

GRREC, based in Bowling Green, represents 37 public school districts across southcentral Kentucky. DeCesare attends monthly GRREC meetings and sits on the state House Education Committee.

DeCesare was referring to resolutions approved by more than 60 school boards across Kentucky. It is "disingenuous" to say that lawmakers have broken the education pledge, he said.

"I'm not mad; I'm just upset," DeCesare told GRREC members. He cautioned

school superintendents that if they want increased funding for public education, they shouldn't "poke the bear" and make lawmakers angry. "I don't have a problem with the message in the resolution — I get it. I have a problem with the way it is being delivered."

Public education funding is expected to be a hot topic when the Kentucky General Assembly convenes in January. The preparation of the state's biennial budget will be the lawmakers' major task as they divide just under \$20 billion, 45 percent of which goes to public education. Another 55 percent funds everything else, including postsecondary education.

The Kentucky Board of Education and several education associations want education funding restored to 2009 levels. For example, the state board wants the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, or SEEK, funding increased from \$3,827 per student to \$3,866 per student, according to Tommy Floyd, chief of staff of the Kentucky Department of Education.

"It is time to reinvest in our school districts," Floyd said.

"Everybody is looking for money. We get the message," said state Senate Edu-

cation Chairman Mike Wilson, R-Bowling Green. Like DeCesare, Wilson thought the resolutions were counterproductive. Wilson said lawmakers are looking for \$300 million to \$325 million over the biennium to tackle the education needs. While tax reform is being discussed, Wilson said that juggernaut probably won't be tackled until the following legislative session.

Wilson would like to see Kentucky residents qualify for some of the 122,000 computer programmer jobs available each year in the United States. Only 45,000 can be produced by the educational system in the U.S., and many of the jobs are going to immigrants. If not computer programmers, Kentucky residents can qualify for welding jobs that pay \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year, Wilson said.

DeCesare and Wilson were among several lawmakers in southcentral Kentucky who listened to representatives of school superintendents, school boards and the Kentucky Board of Education outline legislative priorities during the GRREC meeting.

"Why do you need the money? You need to boil it down to a 30-second sound bite," said state Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg, who represents Allen, Barren, Edmonson, Green, Metcalfe and Simpson counties.

State Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said the resolutions were just what the education community needs to be doing to raise the profile of the issue.

"Those letters did not offend me at all. You are doing just what you need to do," he said.

"The budget issues are not overwhelming, but formidable," said state Rep. Wilson Stone, D-Scottsville.

Tax Reform

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federal spending.

Yet each has its own constituency — often a vocal, well-funded, well-organized one. Politicians who call for "tax reform" without going into specifics butter their bread on both sides — they ride the public outcry against the tax code in general, while avoiding the outcry from people hurt by the changes that tax reform would inevitably bring. After all, a "loophole" to one group is usually a "lifeline" to another. So nothing happens.

Everyone knows that tax reform will involve limiting tax breaks. It should be possible to avoid the political difficulties by capping the total without eliminating specific breaks. But even this will require political backbone. Until Congress shows us that its members possess the courage to detail publicly what's needed, talk of tax reform will be just that: talk.



JADEN NEWBERRY gets a treat from Dan and Katie Dillingham Friday, Nov. 1, when the First Baptist Church sponsored "trunk 'n treat" for local youngsters in downtown Dawson Springs.

Farmer's Sister Faces Probation

By Kristina Belcher
The State Journal

Richie Farmer's sister, Rhonda Monroe, was sentenced in Franklin Circuit Court Friday for misusing \$10,500 in campaign funds when her brother was running for his second term as agriculture commissioner.

In lieu of jail time, Judge Phillip Shepherd granted Monroe two years probation. She also can't seek state government employment for five years.

Monroe is the former assistant executive director of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

She helped Farmer file fraudulent mileage claims and receipts for reimbursement during his campaign. She also helped him respond to an audit by the registry.

Monroe and Farmer pleaded guilty to the improper spending in September.

Deckard said the light sentence will "allow her to

move forward."

"We're pleased that the judge recognized that this was very much out of the ordinary for Rhonda," Deckard said.

Farmer is scheduled for

sentencing Jan. 17.

He is facing between 21 and 27 months behind bars and \$120,000 in restitution for those charges, in accordance with that plea agreement.

Black-Lung Victims

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sity charges up to 10 times the rate miners typically pay their physicians," the center reports.

In other words, rather than pay, say, \$8,500 a year to an employee who will slowly smother because of his years working in dust-filled mines, the industry would rather pay lawyers and doctors to cheat sick miners of benefits. With friends like that, who needs enemies?

Black lung has been on the rise, even as coal production in Appalachia declines, which makes this reporting especially timely.

In response, U.S. Reps.

George Miller, D-Calif., and Joe Courtney, D-Conn., called on the Labor Department's inspector general to investigate whether miners and their families are being cheated. Some in Congress are showing renewed interest in enacting more effective dust-control laws.

As disturbing as these revelations are, they fit an all too familiar pattern: The coal industry always shifts its costs onto others, whether it's a miner paying for poor workplace hygiene with his lungs or the public paying for coal industry shortcuts with poisoned water and air, birth defects and disease.

—Lexington Herald-Leader

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Resident Tells City Council About Problems At Apartment Building

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ing the day.

The council approved quotations for a video surveillance system for the administrative offices and fire department at a cost of \$1,945 and a video with audio surveillance system package for the police department areas for \$2,980. The cost of the systems will be covered by city hall upgrade funds.

Because of the number of people who drive to the police department in case of emergency, an outdoor phone was added to the upgrades to connect with dispatch at night.

A generator was also approved to keep radios operating during a power failure. Sewell suggested putting the generator in place now, saying if Sunday's storms had tak-

en out power in Dawson Springs, communication would have been lost. The approximately \$6,000 for purchase and installation of the propane powered generator will come from the ABC fund.

Sewell read a letter she sent Oct. 23 to Kevin McClearn, KYTC District 2 chief engineer, concerning the Poplar Street railroad bridge. The letter explained the importance of the bridge to Dawson Springs and asked what steps the city can take to address the condition of the bridge which is heavily used by school traffic and also carries waterlines which supply a major portion of the city. Sewell said the bridge is "critical to our infrastructure and must undergo extensive repairs or be replaced." It is her understanding that federal

funds are available to railroads for such projects. As of Monday, she has not received a reply.

The council approved a request from the fire department to purchase a light bar for a truck at a cost of \$1,350. A truck was donated by a pipeline company under the stipulation that the truck stay in the volunteer fire department, freeing funds previously set aside for future purchase of a truck.

In the mayor's supplement, Sewell said Riverside Park Commission had a soil analysis done, and the field has been reseeded. The tennis and basketball courts at the municipal park have been resealed and restriped, and an asphalt trail through the park for pedestrians has been created.

The Rosedale Ghost Walk was

a great success, as was the annual Rotary Auction which raised almost \$7,000 for community projects.

On the first weekend in November, the Kentucky/Tennessee Mountaineers Rendezvous was held near Dawson Springs. Sewell spoke to the group of approximately 130 about the history of the region. She entered the area by horse and wagon, and appeared in period attire.

Upcoming events include a meeting at city hall at noon tomorrow to discuss a master plan for public access points on the Tradewater River.

The Christmas Bazaar at the First Christian Church will take place Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chili, sandwiches, desserts and

drinks will be served beginning at 11 a.m.

A snowflake dedication will be held at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The annual Christmas lighting will begin at 4 p.m. Dec. 1 in Veterans Memorial Park, followed by the Christmas Parade.

The First Baptist Church will hold a chili supper after the parade. Christmas music will be presented in the sanctuary.

An economic development conference, "The Future of West Kentucky," will be held at Murray State University Dec. 10.

Pet pictures with Mrs. Claus will be taken at the Darby House from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

The next council meeting will be held Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Many Pregnant Women Smoke

A new Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Issue Brief released by Kentucky Youth Advocates reveals that Kentucky has one of the highest rates of smoking during pregnancy in the nation. Clearing the Air for All Kentucky Children highlights the need for a comprehensive, statewide smoke-free law to reduce exposure to harmful secondhand smoke for children and unborn children and reduce smoking during pregnancy.

Nearly one in four (23 percent) Kentucky babies born in 2011 had mothers who smoked during pregnancy. In Hopkins County the number was more than one in three with 34.5 percent of mothers smoking while pregnant.

Smoking during preg-

nancy can cause health problems for the mother, and also increases the risk of miscarriage, and preterm delivery. Cigarette smoking during pregnancy is the single most important known cause of low birthweight, which increases a newborn's risk for serious health problems such as developmental and intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and vision and hearing loss. Additionally, babies whose mothers smoked during pregnancy are more likely to die before their first birthday, and are three times more likely to die from sudden infant death syndrome. In 97 counties, more than one in every four births was to a mother who smoked during pregnancy during 2009-2011.

In addition, Kentucky

tops the nation in the number of adult smokers at 28.3 percent, exposing many children and adults who choose not to smoke to harmful secondhand smoke. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, "when individuals inhale cigarette smoke, either directly or secondhand, they are inhaling more than 7,000 chemicals; hundreds of these are hazardous, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer." Secondhand smoke exposure affects many workers, including youth workers and pregnant women who do not smoke but work in places where smoking is allowed. They have to make the difficult decision of trying to find another job or exposing their unborn child to secondhand smoke.



ENJOYING the music Monday, Nov. 18, by gospel group Living Waters at Clarkdale Court's senior citizens center are (from left) Wanda Woodruff, Betty Reynolds, Linda Riley, Shirley Drennan, Kathy Carroll, Joy Huffman and Katherine Orten.

Athletic Handbook Amendments

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University to train on topics parents need to know about. Computers would fit in with that program. Dillingham hopes the group will have a

plan in place by Christmas. Stockman reminded any council members who have not yet met Lenny Whalen, the new superintendent, to make a point of doing so. Stockman said Whalen is

open to hearing the ideas of faculty and staff, and he will invite the superintendent to attend the December council meeting.

"We're in a good place," Stockman said.

Great American Smokeout Tomorrow

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perts will roll out on Twitter at #quitforgood tomorrow between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The health benefits of quitting are greater for those who quit when they are young, but quitting at any age is beneficial. The Cancer Society lists the benefits chronologically:

In 20 minutes: heart rate and blood pressure drop

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monoxide level in the blood drops to normal

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1-9 months: coughing and shortness of breath decrease

1 year: risk of coronary heart disease is cut to half that of a continuing smoker

5 years: risk of certain cancers is cut in half, and stroke risk can fall to that of a nonsmoker

10 years: the risk of dying

from lung cancer is about half that of a person who still smokes and other cancer risks decrease

15 years: the risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL teams continued play last Thursday against Christ the King. Above, the Panthers' Owin Riley (left) puts up a shot in the seventh grade boys game. Below, Logan McKnight (3) puts up a runner in the lane while, at right, Ayden Davis (4) drives in for a layup.

PHOTOS BY MIKE HOWTON



7th Grade Panthers Sweep Christ the King

Both Panther seventh grade basketball teams picked up their first wins of the season Thursday at home against Christ the King.

The girls won 27-14 and the boys won 54-22.

Erin Orten led the girls to victory with a game-high 23 points. She

didn't miss a free throw, making 11 out of 11 from the stripe. Denisha Randolph and Kaylee Simpson each added two points to the Panthers' total.

The game was close through the first three quarters with the Panthers taking leads of 4-2 after

the first period; 10-7 at the half; and 14-10 after three quarters. The home team put the game away in the last quarter with 13 points while holding their visitors to four.

Skyler Clark and Skyler Lohse led the boys in scoring with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Clark hit

three 3-pointers and Lohse hit two. Ayden Davis also had a 3-pointer for the Panthers.

The Panthers took an 8-2 lead after the first quarter and pushed that lead to 24-7 at the half. With an 18-point explosion in the third quarter the lead was stretched to

42-16 entering the final period.

All the Panther players scored in the contest. Davis scored nine points; Braxton Cotton had eight; Logan McKnight added six; Ethan Huddleston scored four; Owin Riley had three; Tyler Weir scored two; and Cole Cunningham scored one point.

Eighth Grade Boys Squad Sweeps Crittenden

The Panther boys eighth grade basketball team completed a sweep of Crittenden County with a 45-24 win at home Nov. 12.

The Panthers led throughout, 10-3 after the first quarter; 20-7 at

the half; and 26-16 following three quarters.

Austin Clark scored a game-high 19 points for the Panthers. Kevin Brooks scored nine; Justin Putman scored seven; Ethan Garri-

son had four; and Tate Jones, Owin Riley and Ryan Bardin each scored two points.

In the seventh grade game, the Panthers fell behind in the third quarter and then fell just short in

their comeback attempt, losing 19-17 to the Rockets.

The score was tied at four after the first quarter and at nine at the half. A poor third quarter left the Panthers on the short end of a 16-

11 score.

Ayden Davis scored six for the Panthers; Braxton Cotton added four; Skyler Clark scored three; and Cole Cunningham and Owin Riley each scored two.



KENDALL ADAMS, 8, bagged an eight-point buck on Tuesday, Nov. 12. She killed it while hunting with her parents Allen and Sarah Adams and her brother Austin Adams in Hopkins County. This was the second deer she has killed.



KAYLEE SIMPSON puts up a shot in a crowd during the girls seventh grade game against Christ the King last week at Panther Gym.

PHOTO BY MIKE HOWTON

8th Graders Top West Hopkins

The Panther eighth grade boys and girls basketball teams each picked up a win at home Monday night over West Hopkins.

With balanced scoring, the girls put their visitors away early, holding them scoreless through the first half, en route to a 26-10 win. The score was 4-0 after the first quarter and 14-0 at halftime. West Hopkins scored five points in each quarter in the second half.

The score was 21-5 after three quarters.

Three Panthers, Brooklyn Cotton, Paige Hendrix and Erin Orten, tied for game-high scoring honors with eight points. Kaylee Simpson added two points for the winners.

The boys game was much closer with the Panthers jumping out to leads of 11-4 after the first quarter and 19-13 at the half. West Hopkins trimmed the lead to 28-

23 entering the final frame and then really tightened the game up in the last quarter before the Panthers came away with a 36-35 win.

Austin Clark led the Panthers in scoring with 15 points; Justin Putman scored eight; Owin Riley and Kevin Brooks each had four; Caleb Hickerson scored two; and Ryan Bardin, Ethan Garrison and Cole Cunningham each scored one point.

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FORTY GREAT!

Jimmie Johnson wins sixth NASCAR Sprint Cup title

By **MATT TALIAFERRO**
Athlon Sports Racing Editor

It was hard to envision Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 team fumbling away a NASCAR Sprint Cup championship on Sunday.

Entering the season finale in Homestead, Fla., the group that won five consecutive titles from 2006-10 held a comfortable 28-point cushion over Matt Kenseth in NASCAR's Chase standings. In four of those championship seasons Johnson held serve with the points lead in the final race. In a fifth, he overcame a 15-point deficit in the final event to win "one for the thumb."

In the Ford EcoBoost 400, Johnson's Chad Knaus-led team — in typical workmanlike fashion — proved that when it controls its own destiny, it may be the best the sport has seen. Having to finish 23rd or better to clinch the championship, Johnson and Knaus engineered a solid seventh-place finish and claimed title No. 6 for team owner Rick Hendrick's No. 48 team.

"We were in position to win a lot throughout the course of the year," Johnson said. "Unfortunately, we gave a bunch away. But at the end of the day we won the big prize. That helped us through some of those races that got away — focusing on the big prize."

"We didn't leave many points on the table (in the Chase). I can look back on a few tracks and think we could have had a few more points, but it really was a strong 10 weeks. Last year we had eight great weeks and didn't come up with it. Matt had nine (this year). You have to have 10 great weeks to be the champion and we got it done this year."

His chief rival, Kenseth, ran as sterling a race as one could. Having won the pole, he spent a large part of the South Florida afternoon leading the field, logging a race-high 144 laps on point. He could not follow through with the win — not that it would have mattered in the championship picture. Instead, that went to Kenseth's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, Denny Hamlin, who was winless in 2013 prior to Sunday.

"Obviously it's been a great year, best year I've ever had," Kenseth said of his first season with JGR. "It was a great night. Jimmie and that team are obviously unbelievable — never seen anything like this in the sport and probably will never see anything like it again. It's amazing with as tight as the rules are, multi-car teams, information sharing, and all that stuff, it's amazing they can figure out how to do that year after year."



Jimmie Johnson celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. (ASP, Inc.)

Johnson's 48 and Kenseth's 20 teams were the class of the field throughout the season, even if the standings didn't always reflect it. The duo combined to win 13 of the 36 races beginning with the season's opening event, the Daytona 500. In that race, Kenseth lost an engine while leading around the mid-point, which opened the door for Johnson to earn his second victory in the "Great American Race." Kenseth answered two weeks later with a win in Las Vegas ... and the race was on.

By the time the Chase began in September,

the two were positioned atop the standings after NASCAR's points reset. Kenseth drew first — and second — blood, with consecutive playoff wins in New Hampshire and Chicagoland. Predictably, Johnson returned with a victory volley in Dover.

Kenseth's final statement came in Martinsville in Chase race No. 7. At one of Johnson's best tracks, the No. 20 team out-pointed the 48 to tie the pair at the top of the standings in a performance many considered an upset. True to form, though, Johnson responded re-

soundingly, thoroughly dominating the next race in Texas.

It was in the season's penultimate event where Kenseth finally stumbled. A crippling 23rd-place run in Phoenix, on an afternoon that found Johnson third, all but made the finale's title tilt in Homestead a formality.

While Johnson did not lead a lap on Sunday, it was largely an incident-free affair for his team. Only a quirky restart that witnessed contact between the two point leaders gave anyone reason for pause. Though Johnson crunched a wheel well in the scramble, a caution period just laps later gave his crew the chance they needed to repair the minimal damage.

From there, it was simply counting down the laps — at which point, the comparisons began. Johnson's sixth title finds him one short of the record seven earned by Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt. And while comparing and ranking competitors of different eras in any sport is largely an exercise in futility, that rarely stops the masses from doing so.

Johnson, a California native raised in a working-class family, has never quite known how to respond to the "all-time greats" inquiries. That didn't change following yet another championship at NASCAR's premier level.

"It's not like me to think in that light. It's just not me," Johnson shrugged. "I guess I need to open my mind to it because the numbers speak for themselves. I find myself in a touchy situation at times where my quiet approach can be looked at as arrogant or cocky, and that is the furthest thing from the truth in what I'm trying to portray."

"Honestly, I'm just trying to, I don't know, say the right things and keep my mind in the right space. I haven't let a lot in and it's led to more success. It's kept my work ethic intact — kept me honest and humble. I like that about myself. I don't know if I want to open my mind and let it in, where I stand in the sports world. It's not time for that in my eyes."

That's not to say he doesn't welcome a fun rivalry with a fellow great or two.

"Michael Jordan has given me a hard time that I only won five," Johnson said with a broad smile. "I can't wait to send him a text and say, 'Hey, buddy, I've caught up!'"

Richard Petty. Dale Earnhardt. Michael Jordan. Jimmie Johnson. Maybe it's simply within the company one's name is mentioned that's most telling. Regardless of rank, it's rarified air.

Final Sprint Cup Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Jimmie Johnson (6)	2419	—
2. Matt Kenseth (7)	2400	-19
3. Kevin Harvick (4)	2385	-34
4. Kyle Busch (4)	2364	-55
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2363	-56
6. Jeff Gordon (1)	2337	-82
7. Clint Bowyer	2336	-83
8. Joey Logano (1)	2323	-96
9. Greg Biffle (1)	2321	-98
10. Kurt Busch	2309	-110
11. Ryan Newman (1)	2286	-133
12. Kasey Kahne (2)	2283	-136
13. Carl Edwards (2)	2282	-137
^ CHASE FOR THE SPRINT CUP ^		
14. Brad Keselowski (1)	1041	-1378
15. Jamie McMurray (1)	1007	-1412
16. Martin Truex Jr. (1)	998	-1421
17. Paul Menard	949	-1470
18. Aric Almirola	913	-1506
19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	910	-1509
20. Jeff Burton	906	-1513
21. Juan Pablo Montoya	894	-1525
22. Marcos Ambrose	872	-1547
23. Denny Hamlin (1)	753	-1666
24. Casey Mears	719	-1700
25. Mark Martin	649	-1770



Austin Dillon celebrates winning the 2013 NASCAR Nationwide Series championship.

■ Austin Dillon captured his first NASCAR Nationwide Series championship following Saturday's Ford EcoBoost 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Driving Richard Childress Racing's No. 3 Chevrolet in his second season on circuit, Dillon won the title by three points over Penske Racing's Sam Hornish Jr.

"I know the first (Truck Series championship), I was way more nervous because I knew I had a buffer — it was mine to lose," Dillon said. "This one was tight. I mean, you have to go out there and put your best on and see if you can accomplish what you want to accomplish."

"It means so much to (the team), to go out this way. It worked out. It was very special."

Dillon, the grandson of team owner Richard Childress, now has titles in the Camping World Truck and Nationwide series. He is expected to make the move to the Sprint Cup Series in 2014, where it is believed RCR will campaign the No. 3 at the Cup level for the first time since Dale Earnhardt's death in 2001.

Dillon's title was notable in that it marked the first time a driver captured a championship on the NASCAR national touring series level without winning a race.

Hornish enjoyed his finest season in the Nationwide Series, recording one win, 16 top 5s and 25 top 10s in 33 races. Currently, he does not have a ride for the 2014 season.

■ Matt Crafton scored his first NASCAR championship in the Camping World Truck Series, rolling to a 40-point win in the standings over Ty Dillon.

Driving for ThorSport Racing, Crafton won the title simply by taking the green flag of Friday's Ford EcoBoost 200 in Homestead, Fla.

"It's an honor to be able to drive this Menards Toyota Tundra," said Crafton, 37, a native of Tulare, Calif. "For Menards and all the people that have been behind me, every one of these guys that work on this truck, it's an honor to be able to give them this championship."

"These guys are the ones that work so hard. I'm just the one that gets to celebrate and look like the hero because I got to drive a great truck all year."

In 12 full seasons competing in the NCWTS with ThorSport, Crafton has earned three victories, 63 top-5 finishes, 175 top-10 results and seven pole positions. He finished as the series' runner-up in 2009 and is the 2000 NASCAR Featherlite Southwest Series champion.

Crafton and primary sponsor Menards have renewed their agreements that will keep them in ThorSport Racing's No. 88 Toyota for the 2014 Truck Series season.

The 2014 Truck Series campaign will mark the 10th consecutive year that Crafton, who owns the series' record for consecutive starts at 316, will drive for the Sandusky, Ohio-based team.

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Plan Would Cut State Schools' Insurance Bill By \$21 Million

By
Linda B. Blackford
Lexington Herald-Leader

The \$72 million bill that Kentucky's school districts faced to close out the defunct Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust could drop by about \$21 million, state insurance officials announced November 7.

The state Department of Insurance filed petitions in Franklin Circuit Court to take over the trust's two funds, which had provided many school districts with workers' compensation insurance and coverage for property and liability claims.

If approved by the court, the trust's workers' compensation fund would be operated by Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance, or KEMI, at cost, which would produce most of the savings, said Sharon Clark, commissioner of the Department of Insurance.

The Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust provided low-cost insurance to most of the state's districts, but it started running a deficit in 1997 that had reached about \$50 million by January. Under a plan devised this year by the trust's board and the Kentucky League of Cities, which has been operating the trust since 2010, school districts would pay off what they owed over 20 years, and the funds would be closed.

When the Department of Insurance first received that plan in July, the deficit had reached \$72.3 million. Clark and her staff determined they could make a better deal.

"We were trying to make the softest landing possible for the school systems," she said Thursday. "That was a promise we had made to them."

That soft landing doesn't apply to Fayette County. Its estimated bill went from about \$2 million under the previous plan to \$3.4 million. "I'm surprised," said Fayette Superintendent Tom

Shelton. "I haven't had time to review their methodology."

The majority of districts, however, will see a reduction, Clark said. On the workers' comp fund, Madison County's assessment fell from \$1.04 million to \$968,300. Jessamine now owes \$23,246.

Clark said new assessments were done after the deficit had swelled to \$72.3 million, and they calculated the assessments based on the number of claims and the number of members since 1997.

Clark said she made a personal appeal to the KEMI board to help close out the workers' compensation fund, which could take years because of how long some claims can last.

"Without that partnership, the school districts would have been paying considerably more," Clark said.

KEMI president and CEO Jon Stewart said in a news release Thursday afternoon that "KEMI is pleased to be part of a solution we believe is in the best financial interest of schools across Kentucky."

Under the plan proposed in court documents, companies will be able to bid to become the claims administrator for the property/li-

ability fund. Clark said most of those claims should be closed in about five years.

The court case won't be without conflict.

The Kentucky League of Cities intends to argue against the Department of Insurance's plan, which would nullify an \$8 million loan the league's insurance trust made to the school board trust in 2010.

Clark said the loan was supposed to be paid back with surplus funds, which never materialized.

"Our position is that it was always a loan," said Jon Steiner, executive director of the league. "There is no way the KLC board would have taken \$8 million to put into a failing school program unless it knew it would get it back. We'll have to let the courts figure that one out."

Whatever the court rules, the payments required to close out the defunct insurance trust still will be an added stress for school districts, now facing the culmination of five years of stagnant state funding and new federal spending cuts.

Still, any savings will help, said Wayne Young, director of the Kentucky Association of School Admin-

istrators.

"It sounds like someone came up with a better arrangement than had been discussed," he said. "The

goal here ought to be as little burden on the school districts as possible. You'll hear a little sigh of relief, because it's not as bad as it could

have been. It's still bad."

Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holli-day said he was pleased with the plan.



MELEAH GREENFIELD visited the local nursing homes Thursday, Oct. 31, with her kindergarten class.

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WILMA DEAN BAKER hands out treats at the Tradewater Health and Rehab Center Thursday, Oct. 31, to DSES kindergarten children **Gabriel Thomas** and **Hailey Denardis**.

MSU Regent's Anti-Bullying Group Gets National Attention

By Hawkins Teague
Murray Ledger & Times

The anti-bullying organization started by Murray State University Regent Susan Guess has received a lot of national attention recently, and she says the extra exposure helps further her goal of making all children safer from those who might bully them.

Guess is from Paducah and is the vice president and marketing director for the Paducah Bank and Trust Company. She was first appointed to the MSU Board of Regents by Gov. Steve Beshear in June 2010 to fill half of an unexpired term, and she was re-appointed in July for a full six-year term.

Guess founded the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation about two years ago because of the experiences her daughter, Morgan, went through at school when she was eight years old. Susan started the organization after Morgan

finally told her about the problems she was having at school with an aggressive and possessive friend. Together, they decided they wanted to help other children deal with similar situations.

Susan and Morgan, now 10, both wrote about the experience that inspired the foundation last month on the Huffington Post Web site in honor of National Bullying Prevention Month. The article was a collaboration with The Bully Project. Morgan wrote in her column that when she started third grade, she was happy and had made a new friend. The girl soon started pressuring her to stop seeing her old friends and to only spend time with her, and she would pull her hair and pinch the back of her neck, causing Morgan to be afraid to do anything other than what the girl wanted.

"School started not to be fun anymore," Morgan wrote. "I was always worried about

what she was going to do to me if I didn't do what she said. I started having stomach pains every day and I felt nervous every morning. I didn't tell anyone. I was afraid that would make it worse. I didn't tell my mom. But she figured it out."

Susan wrote in her portion of the story how afraid Morgan's behavior as a result of being bullied made her and how starting the foundation has given them both a voice because they decided to be "change agents" instead of victims.

In addition to the Huffington Post article, Susan was also interviewed last month by CNN.com for a story titled, "Are we too quick to cry 'bully'?" In the story, Susan explained that she was not afraid to use the word "bully" because just as Morgan had a hard time telling an adult about her problem, many parents have a hard time identifying when their children are being bullied.



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School Districts Urge Lawmakers To Restore Funding

By
Valarie Honeycutt Spears
Lexington Herald Leader

Two decades ago, the Council for Better Education's efforts led to a landmark court decision to strengthen Kentucky schools and to a reform act from the General Assembly.

Now, the council — composed of nearly all school districts in Kentucky including Dawson Springs Independent — is raising money for a study that could show law-

makers that school funding needs to be restored.

"We must have independent verification based on scientific measurement to verify what we already know. We are severely underfunded and must receive adequate funding to ensure all students become college- and career-ready," council president Tom Shelton said in a recent e-mail to superintendents in the state.

The \$130,000 study, which could begin Dec. 1, would design an equitable

and adequate funding system to allow all students in Kentucky to become college- and career-ready, said Shelton, who is also superintendent of Fayette County Public Schools.

Getting more school funding is important because taxpayers are having to take on more of the burden of funding their school districts, he said. Several school districts have had to increase their tax rates "because the state's not stepped up and funded us" as the

state Constitution requires, Shelton said.

Last month, Stu Silberman, head of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and former Fayette superintendent, and Ali Wright, a teacher from Lexington's Lafayette High School, told lawmakers on a budget subcommittee what the cuts meant for schools. The duo — attending on behalf of the Kentucky Education Action Team, a group of state education associations — told lawmakers that

no money had been allotted for hardback or online textbooks since 2010. Wright said hardback books in one of her classes, used by students who have a shot at attending the nation's top colleges, are falling apart.

The SEEK program, the primary source of money for school districts, accounts for about \$2.9 billion a year and is used for everything from classroom instruction to school bus maintenance. The amount of SEEK funds has remained flat, but schools have seen increases in the number of students and average daily attendance figures. That caused the amount of funding per student to slip from \$3,866 in 2009 to \$3,827 this year.

Flexible focus funds — which include textbooks, preschool, extended school services, safe schools and staff professional development — also need to be restored to 2008 levels, educators have said. The amount dropped from \$154 million in 2008 to \$93 million this year.

Kentucky has substantial numbers of students who are underperforming in comparison with their peers, Shelton said. They include special needs students, students of color, students living in poverty and students Shelton called "English-language learners."

"We have got to create

a funding system that will provide for the resources for those students to overcome those equity issues," he said.

Woodford County Superintendent Scott Hawkins pointed to Education Week magazine's 2013 Quality Counts survey, which ranked Kentucky's education performance 10th in the nation but gave the state an "F" for the amount it spends per pupil.

"We are not being funded at an adequate level to continue the progress that we've made," Hawkins said.

The Council for Better Education is a nonprofit corporation whose members include 169 of Kentucky's 173 public school districts.

Meanwhile, Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday weighed in this week, saying he was "focused on working with the General Assembly to restore education funding to 2008 levels."

Shelton said the study would look at data from student tests since Senate Bill 1 was passed in 2009. That legislation essentially said the new measurement for student achievement would be career and college readiness; it led to changes in the student testing structure.

He said the study would be conducted by consultants with Picus Odden & Associates, a California-based research firm.



WALT HEFLIN, as Col. W. I. Hamby and his wife Melissa as Stacy Menser Hamby entertained guests on the "Voices From The Past" ghost walk Saturday, Oct. 26.

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Application forms for this position are available from:

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by Linda Thistle

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MISTER BREGER by Dave Breger

"Practicing to become office manager ..."

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TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the region of Ulster located?

2. MOVIES: Where was King Kong found?

3. MEDICAL: What does the drug Minoxidil do?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the RITA awards?

5. HISTORY: The Peloponnesian war was fought primarily between which two forces?

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was Gerald Ford's running mate in 1976?

7. LITERATURE: The 18th-century writer Francois-Marie Arouet was better known by what pseudonym?

8. MUSIC: Who recorded the hit "The Banana Boat Song"?

9. ADVERTISING: The slogan "Is it in you?" was used to promote what product?

10. GAMES: How many pawns are used in a game of chess?

Answers

1. Northern Ireland

2. Skull Island

3. Increase hair growth

4. Given for the best published romance novels

5. Athens and Sparta

6. Robert Dole

7. Voltaire

8. Harry Belafonte

9. Gatorade

10. Sixteen -- eight per player

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ACROSS

1 Ill-chosen

6 See 126-Across

13 Grand — (sporty Pontiacs)

16 Tattoo fluid

19 Port south of Milan

20 Milan opera house

21 "Citizen X" star Stephen

22 "Oh, give — home ..."

23 1988 hit for Breathe

25 LAX letters

26 Poor review

27 Co. kingpin

28 1972 hit for the O'Jays

31 Water color

34 Answer an invite

38 Dot- —

39 Invention's origin

40 1974 hit for John Denver

47 "Evita" star LuPone

48 "Sugar, Sugar" group, with "the"

49 Parts of dolls.

50 1975 hit for America

54 Machines near mice

57 Provide relief

58 See 59-Across

59 With 58-Across, guys-only

60 Kansas town

61 Moves on ice

63 Cordial

68 Take a dip

69 Jazzy Horne

70 1982 hit for the Alan Parsons Project

74 Funny Jay

75 Eons

76 Absorption process

77 Mafia's code of silence

79 Overly quick

80 "Spring forward" hrs.

81 — Beach (Atlantic coast city in Florida)

83 "— Dieul!"

84 Raised trains

85 2000 hit for Creed

92 Sue Grafton's "— for Undertow"

93 Statistic in a used-car ad

94 Mentions

96 1976 hit for Elton John and Kiki Dee

102 Gulf country

103 Lago feeder

104 "— I say!"

105 Assassinate

106 1994 hit for Boyz II Men

112 Biblical suffix

114 Cotillion girl

115 Always, in a sonnet

116 1985 hit for Tears for Fears

123 Before, in a sonnet

124 Brow's curve

125 Goddess of the hunt

126 With 6-Across, "All Shook Up" singer

127 Barrett of rock

128 Mao follower?

129 One who's hardly saintly

130 Tickle a ton

DOWN

1 "Disgusting!"

2 Museum-funding org.

3 Raggedy

4 Web feeds

5 Stun with a charge

6 Fatah's gp.

7 Cheering cry

8 Jargon suffix

9 Antiunionist

10 Volcano flow

11 Certain util.

12 Pull sharply

13 Retort to "Am not!"

14 Brand of fiber powder

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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Early Detection of Colon Cancer

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: The thought of colon cancer makes me cringe. My father died of it. Colonoscopy wasn't done in those days. I'm interested in learning all the ways to diagnose colon cancer in its early stages. Can you give me the run-down? -- N.C.

ANSWER: Colon cancer makes everyone cringe. It's the third most common cancer in men, being surpassed only by prostate and lung cancer. It's the third most common cancer in women, with breast and lung cancer coming in first and second place.

Colonoscopy, the inspection of the colon with a telescope-like device, has greatly reduced deaths from colon cancer. Not only does this exam give doctors a comprehensive view of the colon, but it allows them to biopsy suspicious areas and suspicious polyps. Almost all colon cancers start out as polyps. A polyp looks a bit like a small plant breaking through the soil.

A simple test for colon cancer is examining a stool specimen for occult (hidden) blood. Even early cancers can cause minor bleeding. Another stool test is FIT, fecal immunochemical test, a way of detecting hidden blood by a different method. Both of these tests are done yearly.

A test that detects altered DNA -- cancerous changes in colon cells -- is a third test done on feces. It is constantly being fine-tuned.

Double-contrast barium enema was the chief test for colon cancer detection until colonoscopy was widely adopted. It's still a useful test. Barium is introduced into the colon through the rectum, and then the barium is drained. What's left is a thin coat of barium on the colon wall. Next, air is passed into the colon. The result is a clear picture of the colon lining and a clear picture of any incipient cancer.

CT (computed tomography) colonography, also called virtual colonoscopy because the procedure produces pictures similar to what's seen by the naked eye in a colonoscopy, is a scan after air is pumped into the colon.

If you're deciding which test is most appropriate for you, depend on your doctor's judgment.

The pamphlet on colon cancer treats this subject in detail. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 505W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In order to play college sports, my son was required to have a physical, which included an EKG. According to my son, everything was fine, and the examining doctor put no limitations on what he could do. According to the EKG report, a copy of which was sent to us, he has sinus bradycardia. Does this have any bearing on his playing college-level sports? -- E.F.

ANSWER: Sinus bradycardia is a slow heartbeat, one less than 60 beats (some say 50) a minute. If the doctor found nothing else wrong and if your son has no symptoms, sinus bradycardia isn't a health concern.

Athletes, almost as a rule, have a slow heartbeat. Their conditioning has made their hearts more-efficient pumps. They eject more blood with each heartbeat, so they need fewer beats.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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HELP WANTED
The City of Dawson Springs is accepting applications for the position of **POLICE CLERK.**
The position will require a High School Diploma or Equivalent, a valid driver's license and the individual must pass a background check. It is a General clerical position providing administrative support to the police department. Application and Job Description can be picked up at the City Municipal Building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. now through November 27th.
Applications must be in by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27th.
The City of Dawson Springs is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Princeton HEALTH & REHAB CENTER
Is accepting applications for
• LPN/RN Full Time
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Princeton Health and Rehab is dedicated to the care of our residents, family and staff. Those who wish to work in a drug free environment that promotes high clinical standards can apply in person at:
1333 West Main Street Princeton, KY 42445
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MCC Announces Three Permanent Endowments

Three permanent endowments that will memorialize and pay tribute to the lives of three accomplished individuals with Hopkins County ties — Dr. Lea Ann Davenport, Mrs. Gladys Martin and C. Edwin Baker — have been established at Madisonville Community College.

All three endowments will have an initial minimum value of \$50,000. The Gladys Martin Appreciation of Local Arts Endowment is designated to the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts and will be used primarily to support

local theatre, the popular February dinner theater presentations and community-related exhibits in the Anne P. Baker Gallery.

The Dr. Lea Ann Davenport Memorial Endowment, named for the Madisonville native who last practiced dentistry in Newburgh, Ind., has scholarships as its main focus.

The Baker Endowment was established by Dr. Nancy Baker, sister of Ed Baker. It will provide awards to serve individuals with special needs and interests and from special populations.



TRICIA NOEL (left), executive director of the Hopkins County Tourist & Convention Commission, receives an award Nov. 7 at the Kentucky Travel Industry Association Fall Conference in Louisville from Sherry Murphy, chairwoman of the KTIA Board of Directors.

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Hopkins Co. Tourist Group Receives Traverse Awards

The Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission received two awards in the 2013 Kentucky Travel Industry Association's Traverse Awards for Excellence in Tourism Marketing competition. The awards were presented Nov. 7 during the Traverse Gala held at the Seelbach Hilton Louisville as part of the annual conference.

Kentucky travel and tourism businesses and marketing organizations vie for awards in 21 separate categories. A panel of out-of-state experts judged entries from across the state for this year's presentation of

awards. Each entry is judged for concept, creativity, design and how well it relates to its audience.

Hopkins County received first place for its visitors guide and second place in the new Web site category for the mobile Web site www.visitmadisonvilleky.com.

Tricia Noel, executive director of the Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission said, "There were over 300 entries for Traverse Awards, and we are very pleased to be among those recognized for our marketing efforts in trying to attract visitors to our county."

Golden Pond Planetarium Offering Seasonal Shows

The Golden Pond Planetarium at Land Between The Lakes offers shows daily from Nov. 29 to Dec. 23.

Season of Light traces celestial reasons behind many holiday traditions that involve light, such as yule logs, lighted trees, luminaries and Menorahs. The Laser Holidays features many favorite holiday songs while lasers dance to music from Bing Crosby to Burl Ives and many others.

"Our programs include astronomy education on popular winter constellations," said Ross Workman, planetarium manager. "These seasonal shows also explain why we have seasons and

learn more about the earth's tilt and orbit around the sun."

Admission to the Golden Pond Planetarium is \$5 for ages 13 and up and \$3 for ages 5–12. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Laser music shows are \$5. Groups of 10 or more may schedule shows at other times and receive group rates. For additional information, phone 270-924-2020.

Evening shows are offered at 5:30 p.m. each Saturday in December. A complete schedule is available at www.lbl.org.

The planetarium will be open Dec. 27–29 and will reopen seven days a week on Jan. 2.



JESSE ROBINSON AND ELIZABETH WORKMAN Married at the Plantation House

Elizabeth Workman Weds Jesse Duane Robinson

Elizabeth Lauryn Workman and Jesse Duane Robinson were married Sept. 7, 2013, in an outdoor ceremony on the back lawn of the Plantation House in Greenville. The Rev. E.J. Hatton officiated.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a champagne, ivory and silver strapless a-line gown with a sweetheart neckline edged with sparkling beads. The skirt and chapel train were adorned with soft floral motifs with center beads, accented with pearls throughout the netting. Her veil and headband were also accented with sparkling beads and pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of tea roses, calla lilies and lily of the valley with a hand-tied ribbon of ivory. Within the bouquet was something old, a locket, purchased at Woodburn's Pharmacy, passed down from the bride's great-great-grandfather which was a gift to his bride on their wedding day in front of the Hamby Well more than 100 years ago. Something new was the bride's lovely jewelry, along with her dress. Her pearl earrings were borrowed from her sister, and she wore a blue garter.

Emilee Workman, served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Workman, cousin of the bride; Kelly Bullock and Ami-Jordan McElwain, childhood friends of the bride; and Summer Crist Bell, friend of the couple.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore floor-

length gowns in strawberry chiffon. Each carried a bouquet of canary calla lilies with a strawberry ribbon on the stems.

The best man was Kyle Chappell, childhood friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Ben Bell, friend of the couple; Brandon Matheny, Frankie Galloway and Zach Flinner, childhood friends of the groom. Gabe Workman, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer. Ushers were Cole Collins and Wade Workman, cousins of the bride.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with an ivory vest and tie and a boutonniere of white calla lilies. His attendants wore black tuxedos with strawberry ties and vests and boutonnieres of single yellow calla lilies.

A buffet dinner and reception at the Plantation House followed the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Workman of Dawson Springs. She is a 2012 cum laude graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in social studies. She is currently employed by the Dawson Springs Board of Education.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robinson of Dawson Springs. He is a 2011 cum laude graduate of Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biology. He is employed by McCoy and McCoy laboratory in Madisonville.

The couple honeymooned in Florida and are currently residing in Dawson Springs.

Relay For Life Tree Of Hope Will Be At Laura's Salon

The Relay For Life Tree of Hope is at Laura's Stylin' Salon/American Country Antiques this year. Donations may be made to purchase ornaments in honor or in memory of a cancer patient.

The Flyin' Purple Can-

cer Beaters had great success with the tree in Dawson Springs in 2012 and are hoping for an even better response this year.

There will also be a tree in Parkway Plaza Mall in Madisonville.

LBL's Homeplace Offers 'Christmas Show' Nov. 30

The Homeplace at Land Between The Lakes will celebrate Christmas in 1850 from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 30.

Visitors will see old fashioned stockings hung over the fireplace, enjoy the smell of homemade cookies and hear voices raised in song, signifying that Christmas has come to The Homeplace.

Participants will learn to make simple Christmas decorations, collect favorite holiday recipes and join in singing 1800s Christmas carols as Santa Claus is ushered in to visit with the children. All ages are welcome at this family event. Admission is \$5 for ages 13 and up and \$3 for ages 5–12. Chil-

dren 4 and under are admitted free.

Cindy Earls, Homeplace event coordinator, invites visitors to The Homeplace to join in a five-hour 1850s Holiday Decorations and Treats Workshop Dec. 7.

"Visitors will step back in time and learn how the early Victorians prepared for the holiday season," Earls said.

Registration and full deposit are required. Phone 270-924-2020 for information or to reserve space.

The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, North and South Welcome Stations and Golden Pond Planetarium and Visitor Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day.



BARBARA PARRENT, (center) holding her great-grandson Kyler Ryan Morgan, celebrated her 80th birthday, with her daughter Gaye Lynn Adair (right) and her granddaughter Tabitha Lynn Adair (left).

Barbara Parrent Celebrates 80th Birthday With Family

Barbara Parrent celebrated her 80th birthday Nov. 15 with a party at her home.

Those attending were Ross and Jada Agent, Joyce Latham and Donald Parrent,

all of Dawson Springs; Eric Parrent, Dana Agent, Gaye Lynn Adair, Tabitha Lynn Adair and Kyler Ryan Morgan, all of Madisonville; and Cory Agent of Bowling Green.

WKU Hardin Planetarium Features 'Comets' Show

Comets: Icy Interlopers Interacting with the Sun will be presented Dec. 1 through Jan. 5 at WKU's Hardin Planetarium. Show times are 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Comet ISON is a 3-mile wide chunk of dirty ice. Decades ago it was orbiting the sun in the remotest boondocks of the solar system, well beyond Neptune and Pluto, when some other object passed near and gravity nudged comet ISON into a new orbit moving toward the sun. Thawing as it approaches the sun, this frozen interloper has been shedding hundreds of thousands of pounds of dust and gas every minute. Ejected material stretches behind the orbit and reflects sunlight, creating the comet's tail.

Just a few comets in the last generation have developed exceptionally long tails stretching across the sky. On Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28), comet ISON will be moving more than 225,000 mph as its orbit takes it within a million

miles above the sun's incandescent surface. A few days later, when it has moved far enough away from the sun to be viewed from Kentucky, comet ISON could be spectacular to behold. It isn't possible to predict exactly how bright comet ISON will become, nor how big its tail will be; however, it has the potential to be an amazing sight in the pre-dawn sky throughout December 2013.

The 40-minute show is free and suitable for all ages with time for questions at the end of the show. Note: There will be no shows on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

Show times and dates are: Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2 p.m.



SENIOR members of Future Educators of America who attended a Dawson Springs Education Association meeting Nov. 11, are (from left) Laurel Winters, Bradleigh Bruch, Logan Davenport, Halyn Burden, and Brad Puckett. The DSEA sponsors the FEA's yearly membership dues and buys their FEA cords for graduation.

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DAWSON SPRINGS High School Class of 1957 recently held their 56th class reunion at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Attending were (seated, from left) Bobbie Stallins Oglesby, Nancy Beshear Kweik; (standing) Mickey Nelson, George Kyle, Wayne Goodaker, Billy Lanham, Jo Ann Harper Lanham, Larry Joe Claxton, Sally Morris Warner, Brenda Wilmore Hamby, Billy Peyton, Harold Holeman, and Doug Stevens.

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